



"Big Dreams Small Business" NEWS

Sun Sets on Commerce Business Daily

Effective January 1, 2002, FedBizOpps (www.fedbizopps.gov) will become the single source for federal government procurement opportunities that exceed \$25,000. After January 1, 2002, contracting officers can stop posting notices in the Commerce Business Daily.

FedBizOpps, formerly Electronic Posting System (www.epgs.gov), is a governmentwide system where agencies post relevant procurement information including procurement notices, solicitations, drawings, amendments and eventually receive proposals electronically.

FedBizOpps boosts vendors'

ability to stay informed and react quickly to opportunities through its automatic notification feature. A robust search feature allows vendors to locate procurements by solicitation number, date, procurement classification code and agency for active and archived solicitations.

For more information about FedBizOpps, call the toll-free help line at 1-877-472-3779 or click on the FedBizOpps link from our home page at <http://r6.gsa.gov/fts>.

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Congratulations go out to Small Business SDC contract holders RDR, Inc. of Centreville, Virginia for being voted 2001 Department of State Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year. For more information about RDR, Inc., or other award-winning contract holders, check out

the "Hall of Fame" area of our website at <http://www.fast.sdc.gsa.gov>.

Thanks to all who attended the November 7 8(a) FAST: Partnering for Excellence Meeting in Washington, DC. Deemed a huge success by Director, Mary Parks, the meeting enabled us to interact face-to-face with our contract holders and share best practices and success stories. For a copy of the attendee list or presentations, visit our website at <http://www.fast.sdc.gsa.gov>.

Coming Soon!

Stay tuned for a special announcement about the HUBZone Empowerment Contracting Program.